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Plonisch named as directorate division chief

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ROME, N.Y. — Igor G. Plonisch has been named chief of the Strategic Planning and Business Operations Division at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Information Directorate.

Plonisch will be responsible for the development of business management strategies to plan, execute, and monitor Information Directorate programs. He will also provide technical and managerial guidance to scientists and engineers in preparing technical documents and studies that analyze future requirements and management issues.

A native of Utica, Plonisch earned a bachelor of science degree in physics from Utica College and a master's in electrical engineering from Syracuse University. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in the field of information studies. He has also been awarded certificates in advanced management from the State University of New York (SUNY) and in management and public policy from Syracuse University.

Plonisch began his Air Force career in 1971 as a physicist with the former Rome Air Development Center (RADC). He became an engineering physicist the following year with General Electric Corp., returning to government service in 1974 as an electronics engineer with Air Force Communications Command at the former Griffiss Air Force Base. He rejoined the RADC staff in 1980 as a project manager.

Since 1998, Plonisch has served as principal physical scientist and the strategic planner in the directorate's Strategic Plans Office. In that position, he was responsible for strategic planning and managed technology transition for the directorate. He was also responsible for analysis, program tracking and coordination activities associated with formulation of technical goals and execution of programs to advance the state-of-the-art in command, control, communications and intelligence technology.

Plonisch received the Air Force Scientific Achievement Award in 1983 and was recipient of Rome Laboratory's Oliver Tallman Award in 1995. He was also presented with the 1996 Mohawk Valley Engineers Executive Council Award for Engineering Professionalism. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Technology Transfer Society. @